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GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE ADDS CARBON EXPERT TO STAFF

DENVER – The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) has added a renewable energy and carbon offset expert, Ms. Susan Innis, as staff to manage the Colorado Carbon Fund Program. The Fund will support Gov. Ritter's vision for a New Energy Economy, as well as his recently announced Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Innis will work with communities and other organizations in the design and development of the carbon offset program. The Fund will mitigate carbon emissions through the development of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas reduction projects in the state of Colorado, and will address the growing energy needs and concern over climate change in the state.

The Colorado Carbon Fund, a voluntary carbon offset program, is being established by the GEO to advance the following objectives:

- Develop a funding source for community-based clean energy and climate mitigation projects
- Direct investment monies towards Colorado-based projects
- Support Colorado's climate change mitigation objectives
- Provide high quality, credible offsets for individuals, businesses and government agencies interested in mitigating their carbon footprint

GEO seeks to partner with communities interested in supporting local clean energy and climate mitigation projects; developers and financiers of offset projects; brokers and aggregators of offsets; and individuals and organizations interested in purchasing offsets.

GEO has a "Request for Information" proposal for the Fund and welcomes all participation in this. The deadline is November 16, 2007, and more information can be found at www.colorado.gov/energy.

Prior to joining GEO, Ms. Innis was an Energy Policy Advisor and Green Power Marketing Director at Western Resource Advocates, a regional conservation law and policy center. Ms. Innis will complete an MPA in public policy at the University of Colorado-Denver in December 2007, and holds a Bachelor in Science in biology from McGill University.

For more information, please visit www.colorado.gov/energy or contact Susan Innis at Susan.Innis@state.co.us.

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